

# Bulletin

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## Steve Johnson's Marketing Seminar November 25



Dr. Steve Johnson, Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist from Iowa State University Extension, will be at the Knox Agri-Center on Monday November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to present a marketing seminar titled "Crop Price Risk & Cash Flow Management". Steve serves as the Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension. He presents annually at nearly 100 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt and interacts with more than 10,000 producers. He holds BS and MS degrees

from Iowa State University and his Ph.D. from Colorado State University. Steve specializes in topics related to grain marketing, government farm programs, crop insurance, farmland leasing and other risk management strategies. Steve posts monthly free newsletters, webcasts and updates on both ISU Extension Ag Decision Maker and the Polk County Extension Farm Management web sites. To reserve your seat, visit [knoxcfb.org](http://knoxcfb.org) or call the KCFB office at 309.342.2036. This program is sponsored by Abingdon Banking Center, First Midwest Bank, North-And Co, Tompkins State Bank, Walt Dagen Construction, West Central FS, Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau and Knox County Farm Bureau.

## Meet Ag in the Classroom Coordinator Paula Daniels

My name is Paula Daniels and I am excited to continue my journey in agriculture as the 3-5 AITC Coordinator for you in Knox County. I am a 2002 graduate of Farmington High School and a 2007 graduate of Illinois State University where I graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture Education. I live on a small but growing farm outside of Fairview, with my husband Kurt with our son Morgun (7) and daughter Avery (4) and their many agricultural adventures. They are currently keeping chickens and pigs, but their plans for entrepreneurial expansion keep growing! I am



looking forward to a year of learning and fun with the students in Knox County.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**  
*The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to welcome the following to our organization:*  
Kimberly Rohman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
October	
10	Young Farmers Mtg, 6:30, KAC
15	PrimeTimers Outing, Caterpillar Visitor Center, Peoria
17	KCFB Board Mtg, 8 PM, KAC
November	
11	KCFB Office Closed, Veterans Day
14	Young Farmers Mtg, 6:30 PM, KAC
19	PrimeTimers Holiday Meal, TBD
21	KCFB Board Mtg, 8 PM, KAC
25	Steve Johnson Seminar, 7 PM, KAC
28-29	KCFB Office Closed, Thanksgiving

## Rising star in poultry production to present Monmouth's Wiswell-Robeson Lecture

MONMOUTH, Ill. – An agripreneur who took his operation from 50 chicks to the country's largest pastured poultry producer will deliver this year's Wiswell-Robeson Lecture at Monmouth College. Paul Grieve, owner of Pasturebird Pasture and Primal Pastures, will speak at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 in the College's Dahl Chapel and Auditorium. Titled "Agripreneurship in 2019: What Are You Waiting For?," the lecture is free and open to the public. Pasturebird Pastures differs from other chicken farms by offering chickens that are always on fresh grass and never given any form of antibiotics. In 2018, Pasturebird was featured on the CNBC television show Billion Dollar Buyer, which led to a \$240,000 deal for the company to serve its chicken in Landry's Inc. restaurants. Grieve and his family now own both Pasturebird Pasture and Primal Pastures, where they sell other pasture-raised meats. The Wiswell-Robeson Lecture was founded in 2016 through a gift from 1960 Monmouth graduate Jeanne Gittings Robeson of Monmouth. The lecture's purpose is to annually feature a speaker from the agriculture community who explores issues, challenges and innovations in the industry. This year's lecture is especially significant for Robeson because Grieve is her great nephew-in-law.



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#### Illinois The Nation's Pumpkin Powerhouse

Like farming in general, our kids' plan to grow pumpkins worked better in previous years than this one. From spring's relentless rains to the summer's hot and droughty spell, our home-grown pumpkin luck ran out by August like the creek water in the cattle pasture.

But life moves on and pumpkin season has arrived, nonetheless. The gourd's appearance at local orchards, box stores and voluntarily on our compost pile embrace my soul like walking into the aroma of a home-cooked meal. I love fall, harvest, crisp air, wiener roasts, comfort foods, corn shocks and pumpkins.

Unbeknownst to most, Illinois handily ranks No. 1 in production of pumpkins for carving, eating and decorating for the fall holidays. Farmers here harvest from three to five times more acres of pumpkins than any of the other top pumpkin states, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Our state's pumpkin plethora started almost a century ago with the establishment of pumpkins processors in the Illinois River area of Illinois, home to a favorable pumpkin-growing climate and soil type.

In fact, more than 90 percent of the nation's canned pumpkin grows in Illinois, a university expert tells me. Odds are, an Illinois farm grew the primary ingredient in that centerpiece pie at Thanksgiving. The same goes for the pumpkin coffee cake and pumpkin bars that our daughter and resident baker mixes up every fall.

Twice now a farmer has planted processing pumpkins across the road from our house, growing the meatier type of pumpkin selected for cooking and canning. With one of the state's two pumpkin processing plants 13 miles away, our kids annually witness acres of pumpkins from seed to sprawling vine to harvest. Around the time our family harvests corn and soybeans, the pumpkin

harvest begins with tractors rowing and then mechanically elevating the gourds into trucks.

This experience allows our kids to see another type of large-scale harvest. It also helps them learn the differences between processing and ornamental pumpkins, something like the purpose for beef cattle and dairy cattle. Processing pumpkins eat better than they carve, possess a thick interior, and their pale-orange flesh makes them less showy on the front porch. Ornamental pumpkins traditionally symbolize fall, the ideal carvers and front porch décor with a bright-orange flesh and heavy handles.

We plant the latter, love baking with the former and enjoy most things recognized as artificial pumpkin, too. I stock enough pumpkin-scented hand soaps every fall that they sometimes make a summer debut in our bathrooms. Summer on the farm seemed chaotic and short, but I welcome the comfort that pumpkins bring to our porch, baked goods and frame of mind.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers, a wife and mother of two farm kids, writes from west-central Illinois, where her family grows corn, soybeans and hay and raises beef cattle.*

## Plowing Down Farmer Suicide Myths

**By: Adrienne DeSutter**

The crisp, open air. The bountiful harvests. The rich, glorious sunsets. Simple joys. There's much to love about farming, and even during trying times, most men and women are able to work through the chaos and focus on the future.

But for some farmers, the stress becomes literally unbearable. September is National Suicide Prevention Month, and a most appropriate time to talk about one of the leading causes of death for America's farmers. Suicide is extremely misunderstood, so let's honor the farmers we have lost by taking a minute to educate ourselves and bust some common suicide myths:

**Myth:** *Suicide is a teenage girl problem.*

**Fact:** You may be surprised to know that men die by suicide more than 3.5 times as often as women. More specifically, white males account for approximately 70% of suicide deaths, and the highest rates are among adults between 45-54 and 85+ years of age. Farmers have several risk factors that increase their likelihood for depression and suicide, such as stressful and uncontrollable work conditions, little separation between work and personal life, financial crisis, social isolation, lack of healthcare and resources, and self-reliance. But ultimately, suicide doesn't discriminate. Rich or poor, male or female, black or white; anyone can have a mental health condition that affects their ability to think and see clearly.

**Myth:** *People who die by suicide show no warning signs, so it's impossible to prevent.*

**Fact:** Most people who have taken their

lives have shown one or more warning signs, such as talking about hopelessness/being a burden/feeling trapped, having a depressed or agitated mood, being withdrawn and losing interests, giving away prized possessions, saying "goodbye," or looking for ways to end their life.

Promisingly, suicide can be preventable, and therapies and medications have proven to be very successful treatments for depression and anxiety. However, there's no magic formula to determine at what point a person's pain will lead them to take their life, as it looks different for everyone. Remember, while having a knowledgeable and vigilant support system is critical, the only person who is truly responsible for saving one's life is him/herself.

**Myth:** *Suicide is a selfish choice, and talking about it puts the idea into people's heads.*

**Fact:** We need to clear this up: suicide is an act that seems selfish to those of us left behind, because we are left with so much burden to bear. But if you put yourself in the boots of the farmers who have taken their own life- by far, the most difficult and extreme thing they've ever felt like they had to do- you'd learn that their actions were most likely done with intentions of easing our burden. How absolutely heartbreaking to think that any person could feel so low, so worthless, so hopeless, that they felt their best option was to cut themselves out of our lives. That even though their family is left with a heavy load, they believed their existence only made that load heavier. That is not

a selfish act, that is their depression lying to them.

Experts agree that talking about suicide in a helpful way actually prevents suicide. Speaking openly and honestly about mental health- as you would any other health topic- validates our experiences, allows others to speak up, breaks down the stigma, and can essentially increase hope in those who are struggling. Don't be afraid to talk directly with someone who you're concerned about. Listen intently, empathize, and learn more about how to have that conversation at [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org).

When you ask a friend if they know of a farm family affected by suicide, the answer is unfortunately almost always "yes." It's time to change that. The agriculture community is exceptional at supporting ag safety prevention, and it's our responsibility to show our farmers that we want to help keep them mentally safe, too.

And if you are that farmer, who is struggling with depression or anxiety, who is feeling like things will never get better, who thinks you're nothing but a burden...hold on. Please stay with us. Talk to your doctor- or whoever will listen- because your worries are real. You are so valuable to someone, and your worth is not measured by your farm.

If you, or someone you know, is struggling with suicidal thoughts, please call the National Suicide Prevention hotline at 1-800-273-TALK. Call 1-800-FARM-AID for crisis assistance specific to agriculture. In an emergency, call 911 or go directly to the nearest ER. For more resources, visit [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org).

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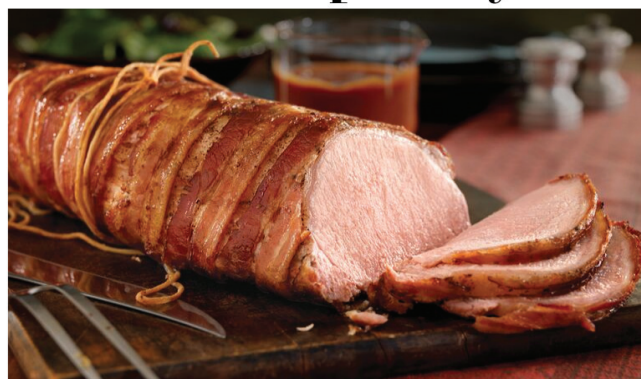
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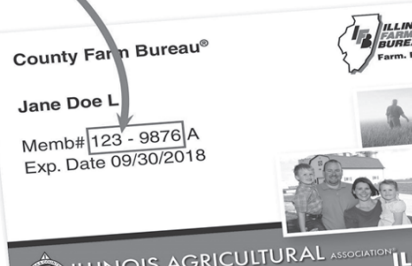
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## Parents: Take Precautions to Keep Your Trick-or-Treaters Safe

For many children, Halloween is a time to dress up in a favorite costume, go to classroom parties and trick-or-treat at neighbors' houses. These happy thoughts of jack-o-lanterns, costumes and candy may cause parents and kids alike to forget the potential dangers of Halloween. I have assembled the following Halloween safety topics for adults in order to keep this autumn holiday safe and fun.

- Costume**
- Whether you buy or make your child's costume, make sure the material is flame retardant.
  - If the costume is not already a bright color, add reflective tape so motorists and other trick-or-treaters can better see your child.
  - Consider using face paint instead of a mask, so your child's vision will not be restricted.
  - Make sure the costume is not too long so that your child doesn't trip and fall.
  - If your child is carrying a prop, such as a plastic sword, make sure the tips are smooth and flexible to prevent injury.
- Route**
- Older children: Plan older children's routes ahead of time, so you know where

- they will be. Also, set a time for them to return home. If possible, send a cell phone with them to use in case of emergency.
- Younger children: Never let small children trick-or-treat alone. While walking your pre-planned route, remind them to stay on sidewalks and cross at corners or crosswalks.
  - Only go to houses where the lights are on.
  - Make sure either you or your child carries a flashlight if trick-or-treating after daylight hours.

- Candy**
- Provide your children with a healthy meal before they go trick-or-treating. This way, they won't be hungry and will be less tempted to sample their candy en-route.
  - Do not allow children to eat collected candy while they are trick-or-treating. Always check candy before they eat it, and dispose of any candy with an open wrapper or other suspicious appearances.
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to look both ways before crossing the street, but eager kids on Halloween night may forget this basic safety rule. Also, it is good to remind children that although

Halloween is a fun, exciting holiday, they still need to remember their manners and always say "thank you" when accepting candy.

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on September 19, 2019

- Education & Outreach – Becky King**  
The Prep, Freeze, Cook class was held on September 4. 23 people attended. The E & O TF had volunteers host a booth at the Monarch Migration Festival. The next E & O Meeting is October 24, at 5:30PM.
- Farm Business – Todd West**  
The 2018 Plat Book is available and is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. 2018 Knox County Wall Plat Maps are available for \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members. We have Peoria County Plat Books available in the office for purchase. Marketing Club has finished its summer series of meetings and will start again in December. The Steve Johnson Marketing Seminar is Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7 PM at KAC.
- Government and Policy – Joe Webel**  
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- Member Relations – Jennifer Beard**

- The Knox County Farm Bureau made voting, total, and retention quota for September 1, 2018- August 31, 2019 making us a Triple Honor County.
- Foundation – Hailey Weyhrich**  
The Foundation met on August 27 for their quarterly meeting and Annual Meeting. During the Annual Meeting, Pete Holmes stepped down from President and Rob Link was elected as the new Foundation President. Harlan Cook will serve as Vice President, Michelle Erickson will serve as Secretary, and Hailey Weyhrich will serve as Treasurer. The Foundation Board approved Josh Gibb to serve on the Board of Directors to fill Ted Mottaz's vacant position.
- PrimeTimers – Hailey Weyhrich**  
The next PrimeTimers meeting was on September 17. William Mitchell from First Midwest Bank was the speaker.
- Young Farmers – Jeff Grady**  
The Young Farmers have been awarded \$5,000 for their cover crop introduction program through the Illinois Farm Bureau Nutrient Stewardship Grant. Brett & Krista Swanson won the IFB Young Leader Excellence in Agriculture Award and will compete on the national level at AFBF.

- On September 7, the Young Farmers hosted a Farm Day at the Henderson Street HyVee. Martin Sullivan, Birkey's, AcMcCartney's and West Central FS provided equipment for customers to climb into and learn about agriculture.
- KAC – Terry Boydston**  
The Knox Agri Center met on August 27 for their quarterly meeting and Annual Meeting. During the Annual Meeting, the slate of officers remained the same. A nomination committee will be formed for the Meritorious Service to Ag Award.
- OLD BUSINESS**  
KCFB & KAC Contracts were sent to lease Suite 107 starting Oct. 1, 2019. District 8 meeting was September 9 at Oak Run and was well attended. The 2019 Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon is October 3.
- NEW BUSINESS**  
The financial study report was reviewed. Hailey to check on guest speaker availability for the KCFB Annual Meeting in January. The IAA Annual Meeting is Dec 7-10 at the Palmer House in Chicago. A bus will be rented to safely transport the PrimeTimers committee to Peoria for their outing in October.

Board Meeting Attendance				
NAME	July	Aug	Sept	
Beard, Jennifer	P	P	A	
Bewley, Beau	P	A	P	
Bohnert Yoder, Tara	P	A	P	
Boydston, Terry	P	A	P	
Cain, Jarid	P	P	P	
DeSutter, Drew	P	P	P	
Engel, Lori	P	P	P	
Erickson, David S	A	P	P	
Goedeke, Phil	P	A	P	
Grady, Jeff	P	P	A	
Hennenfent, Matt	P	P	P	
Hulsizer, Matt	A	A	P	
King, Becky	A	A	P	
Link, Jeff	P	P	P	
Link, Nathan	P	A	P	
O'Connor, Tom	P	A	P	
Stevens, Monica	P	P	P	
Strom, Grant	P	P	P	
Swanson, Brett	P	A	P	
Webel, Joe	A	P	P	
West, Todd	P	P	A	

Thanks to Prep.Freeze. Cook of Central Illinois for once again planning a party for the Education & Outreach Task Force to host! 21 people made 25 sets of 10 meals in a little over an hour. The committee plans to host another party in the spring.





## Hailey's Manager Update

While trying to decide what to write about for this month's manager update, three things came to mind. October marks my two-year anniversary in Knox County! USMCA needs to pass! And finally, harvest!

When I go to IFB meetings with other county managers, I start to think about how long they have been with the organization. From five years to thirty years, it seems hard to picture myself in the same place that long, but it also does not seem like I have been here for two years already! Time has sure flown by! Each day is never the same and usually doesn't end up how I plan it to be when I

leave home in the mornings- but that is one of the best parts! This isn't just an office job. I don't sit at my desk every day. This job allows me to get out in the fields or to farms as much as I want, to visit legislators or county employees whenever necessary, meet our members, and more!

USMCA needs to be passed. The IFB Action Request is still open for you to complete (if you haven't already) to contact legislators to let them know how we feel. You can do this by texting "Ratify USMCA" to 52886. Remember, every contact you make during Action Requests gets your name in the drawing for a \$25 gift card to Thrushwood's at the

KCFB Annual Meeting in January! Knox County is also in the process of following Winnebago- Boone Farm Bureau by writing a letter to Congresswomen Bustos about the need for USMCA passage. We expressed our gratitude that she has taken the chance to meet with farmers but, we told her we need USMCA passed to show countries we are ready to trade.

My third topic is thinking of harvest, or lack of. I REALLY hope that by the time you get this October edition of The Bulletin that you see harvest starting. At the September Board Meeting, one director had started harvest and noted how variable the results were. Fingers crossed that harvest will

be underway soon for all the farmers sake! When harvest picks up, remember to share the road with farm implements and machinery. I cannot stress that enough!

Farmers, remember to take time for yourself, get as much sleep as you can, and drink plenty of water. Easier said than done, I know, but it so important!



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**Tract I:** 98 acres (m/l), Knox Co., Rio Township, Sec. 14, Farm #6622, Tract 120, PINS 01-14-200-012 & 01-14-400-004; 2018 taxes \$4,178.82; 92 acres in cropland with corn base 66.5, PLC yield 126; Soybean base 23.4, PLC yield 44; Soil types consist of 43A Ipava silt loam – PI 126, 68A Sable silty clay loam – PI 126, 567C2 Elkhart silt loam – PI 111, 86B Osco silt loam – 125, 86C2 Osco – PI 125, 86B2 Osco – PI 125, 4.70 acres other farm land.

**Tract II:** 97 acres (m/l), Knox Co., Rio Township, Sec. 11, Farm #6622, Tract 119, PIN 01-11-400-002; 2018 taxes \$4,299.24; 90.41 acres in cropland with corn base 63.9, PLC yield 126; Soybean base 25.3, PLC yield 44; Soil types consist of 119D2 Elco silt loam – PI 99, 259C2 Assumption silt loam – PI 106, 43A Ipava silt loam – PI 126, 567BD Elkhart silt loam – PI 111, 68A Sable silty clay loam – PI 126, 8D2 Hickory silt loam – PI 81, 86B Osco silt loam – PI 125, 86B2 Osco – PI 125; 2.40 acres other farm land.

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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## Knox County Health Department Scheduling Energy Assistance Appointments Now

The Knox County Health Department announces that they are scheduling appointments for the Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to assist **Priority Group 1**. **Priority Group 1** consists of households with **senior citizens (60 and older)** or those who have **members with a documented disability**.

Eligible households in Knox County may apply for LIHEAP assistance by walking-in to schedule an appointment at Knox County Health Department (1361 W. Fremont St., Galesburg, Illinois), between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, or by calling (309) 344-2224. Appointments will not be made unless customers meet the requirements of this Priority Group 1.

Applicants must bring the following documentation when applying for assistance:

- Proof of Social Security numbers for ALL household members
- Proof of gross income from ALL household members for the previous 30-day income period, including the day of application
- A copy of current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days (if they pay for energy directly)
- If applicant has received assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services, proof of TANF or other benefits, such as Medical Eligibility or SNAP is required

Beginning November 1, 2019, **Priority Group 2** will be able to schedule appointments. **Priority Group 2** consists of households with children age 5 or under (includes all children who are not yet 6 years old, this is, up to 5 years and 364 days old) as well as households who are disconnected from their power sources.

On December 1, 2019, the program will be available to **all other eligible households**. **New this year the Health Department will be adding evening appointment hours starting in November and continue until the LIHEAP** program ends May 31, 2019 or until funding is exhausted.

A single-person household can qualify with a gross (before taxes) monthly income of up to \$1,561; a two-person household up to \$2,114; a family of three can earn up to \$2,666; and a family of four can earn up to \$3,219. Benefits are paid directly to energy vendors on behalf of eligible households. The exception is households whose heating costs are included in their rent.

Starting October 1, 2019, the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) applications will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis each month until available funding is available per county, per utility and priority enrollment period is met. PIPP applications are taken from October 1 – December 31, or until funding is exhausted.

LIHEAP is a state and federally funded energy assistance program that provides one-time benefits to income eligible households to help with winter energy bills and for reconnection of energy service. LIHEAP applications are processed through a network of local administering agencies around the state. The program is administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Office of Community Assistance.

For additional information about the program, please call the Health Department at 309-344-2224, go to [www.liheapillinois.com](http://www.liheapillinois.com), or call the LIHEAP Hotline at 1-877-411-9276.



# LIHEAP

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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**November 1st**  
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Jason Lumberry

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## PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Twenty PrimeTimers met at the Knox Agri-Center for their September potluck lunch. William Mitchell of First Midwest Bank provided a program on the warning signs of insurance scams or fraud. In October,

the group will travel by bus to Peoria to the Caterpillar Visitor Center. Seats for the outing are reserved on a first come, first served basis to KCFB members. The PrimeTimers invite all members 55+ to attend.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Spicy Tender Pulled Pork Wrap

#### Ingredients

1 pork butt, 5-6 lbs., cut into large chunks  
2-3 Tbs. canola oil

#### Rub

3 Tbs. paprika, 1-2 Tbs. kosher salt, 2 tsp. black pepper, 1 tsp. granulated garlic

#### Chipotle Mixture

2-3 chipotle peppers, in adobo sauce, minced, (can use more or less depending on the degree of spicy-ness you enjoy)  
1/3 cup dark brown sugar, packed  
¼ cup red wine vinegar

1 onion, sliced  
2-3 cups chicken broth  
tortillas

#### Instructions

In a large skillet, heat a bit of canola oil over medium high heat; when oil is



hot, add rubbed pork chunks to skillet, browning off on all sides, working in batches, removing browned pork to a bowl as you go.

Place onions across the bottom of a large, greased slow cooker. After browning pork, place on top of onions, then add the prepared chipotle mixture, along with 2 cups broth to slow cooker; cook on low for 6-7 hours, turning pork occasionally, until each pork is very, very fork-tender when pierced.

Remove pork from slow cooker and place onto a large cutting board; use two forks to shred pork, discarding any fat.

Serve shredded pork wrapped in warm tortillas, using your favorite toppings as garnish. Roll and secure with aluminum foil. Keep warm.

*Recipe taken from chefalli.com*

If you would like to submit a family-favorite recipe, please provide the recipe with a picture to the KCFB office.

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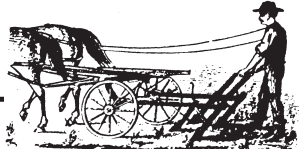


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# Looking Back



#### Taken from the October 1979 Bulletin

The U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee approved legislation that would require the U.S. Agriculture Secretary to establish an energy production and conservation program.

#### Taken from the October 1989 Bulletin

Board Highlights: A Market Master Planning meeting will be held with Lowell Lenschow, IFB Commodities Division and correspondence from Representative David Hultgren was provided explaining taxes and the CHIEF Program.

#### Taken from the October 1999 Bulletin

The Illinois Department of Agriculture recently presented a Centennial Farm Sign to John F. Sullivan of Galesburg. The Illinois Centennial Farms program has recognized more than 5,500 farms since its creation in 1972.

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